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Library program lets you “check-out” state parks

In 2016, Hoosiers can check out state parks by checking out an entrance pass from a public library.

The State Park Centennial Annual Pass Library Check-out Program is a partnership between Indiana State Parks and the Indiana State Library to encourage people to visit libraries and parks.

At libraries across Indiana, 240 state park passes have been placed in circulation for check-out. The passes will provide access to Indiana's 32 state parks and also to Indiana's state forest recreation areas where entrance fees are charged. Passes will be available for check-out from Jan. 1-Dec. 31.

The program is one way Indiana State Parks is celebrating its centennial anniversary. The Indiana State Parks system was a gift to the people of Indiana in 1916 in celebration of the state's centennial. Read more about activities that are part of the State Parks Centennial Celebration at INStateParks100.com.

“Our goal is to provide access to our great Indiana State Parks for those who may have never visited,” said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of stewardship for Indiana State Parks. “We also hope that those who come in to check out the annual pass will take time to explore the services and materials available in Indiana's libraries.”

The Indiana State Library helped pay for the parks pass program. Some local libraries may purchase additional passes to ensure that each branch has one for check-out.

“The State Library is excited about its bicentennial partnership with Indiana State Parks,” said State Librarian Jacob Speer. “The partnership gives library patrons an opportunity to explore the many beautiful state park locations across Indiana simply by using their library card to check-out the free passes.”

Check-out duration for the passes may vary by site. Visit your local public library for details about check-out duration.

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